

## CALIFORNIA COURTS

THE JUDICIAL BRANCH OF CALIFORNIA

# About the Chief Justice

Chief Justice Tani Gorre Cantil-Sakauye is the 28th Chief Justice of the State of California. She was sworn into office on January 3, 2011, and is the first Asian-Filipina American and the second woman to serve as the state's chief justice.



Chief Justice Cantil-Sakauye was nominated to office in July 2010, unanimously confirmed by the Commission on Judicial Appointments in August 2010, and

overwhelmingly approved by voters in the November 2010 general election. At the time she was nominated as Chief Justice, she had served more than 20 years on California trial and appellate courts, including 6 years on the Court of Appeal, Third Appellate District, in Sacramento.

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As leader of California's judicial branch of government and chair of the Judicial Council, Chief Justice Cantil-Sakauye has focused on a vision for improving the public's access to justice, building partnerships to lead the judicial branch out of the state's worst fiscal crisis since the Great Depression, and using ongoing self-assessment to improve the branch's efficiency, effectiveness, transparency, and accountability. She has also taken a leadership role in revitalizing civic learning and engagement in the state.

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- Justice Vaino Spencer Leadership Award – National Association of Women Judges
- Rose Bird Memorial Award – California Women Lawyers

- Judge of the Year – Wiley W. Manuel Bar Association
- Fellows Award – American Bar Association Young Lawyers Division
- Sandra Day O'Connor Award for the Advancement of Civics Education – National Center for State Courts
- Community Victorious Award – Institute for Civic Engagement
- Judge of the Year – California Asian Pacific American Bar Association

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